

PATENT APPLICATION
Serial Number: 09/960,212
Attorney Docket Number: SYN 1779

REMARKS

Applicant hereby submits this Amendment A for the Office Action—Date Mailed: January 28, 2005, Paper No. 20050113, for which a response is due April 28, 2005 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 1-61 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 19-61 are rejected. Claims 11-18 are objected to.

Claims 2-8, 12-32, 34-56 and 58-61 are original. Claims 1, 12, 33 and 57 are hereby amended. Claims 9-11 are hereby canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. No additional fees are due. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 9-11. Thus, Claims 1 and all claims dependent from Claim 1 are allowable. All rejections of Claims 1-11 and 19-61 under 35 USC §103 are thus moot, and additionally, traversed by Applicants on the merits. Claims 33-61 are rejected under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, but would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections. Claims 33 and 57 have been amended to overcome any and all rejections under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, and thus Claims 33, 57 and all claims dependent from Claims 33 and 57 are allowable.

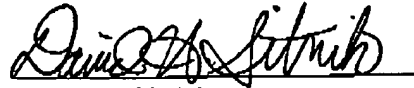
Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections are hereby traversed and overcome, and that the application is in proper form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance or Allowability is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166.

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The Examiner is invited to communicate directly with the undersigned if it would in any way facilitate the prosecution of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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